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## SINGAPORE VICE Clean-Up Drive In Full Force

SINGAPORE, JAN. 24.—STRINGENT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TO CLEAN UP SINGAPORE, WHERE THE JAPANESE HAVE LEFT AN ALMOST INCREDIBLE LEGACY OF VICE. DURING THE OCCUPATION, EXTORTION, BRIBERY, BLACKMAIL, TORTURE AND MURDER WERE THE ORDER OF THE DAY. WHILE EVERY FORM OF CORRUPTION WAS ENCOURAGED.

## Labour Get Together With Italy

LONDON, JAN. 24.—THE BRITISH LABOUR PARTY AND THE ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY REPORTED THAT THEY HAD AGREED ON "ALL MAJOR ISSUES" AND SAID THAT THEY "VIEWED WITH SUSPICION AND DISGUST THE RENEWED ACTIVITY OF THE NEOFASCIST ADVENTURERS IN ITALY."

Their joint statement was issued following a week of conferences between British Labour leaders and the Italian Socialists Pietro Nenni, Italy's Vice-Premier, and Ignazio Silone, novelist and editor.

"Special attention was paid to the re-establishment of international collaboration between Socialists," the statement added.

Nenni declared earlier in the week that the establishment of a new Socialist international was in prospect and that Professor Harold Laski, British Labour Party leader commented that the talks were only in the exploratory stage.—Associated Press.

## R.A.F. "STRIKE" QUESTIONS

LONDON, JAN. 24.—THE STRIKE OF "SOME THOUSANDS OF AIRMEN" AT THE R.A.F. STATION AND TRANSIT CAMP AT MAURIPUR, NEAR KARACHI, WAS REFERRED TO BY MR. TOM DRIEBERG, LABOUR MEMBER IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY.

Asked if he had any information, Mr. John Strachey, Under-Secretary for Air, said that the Air Minister had had a signal on the subject and was considering it.

Mr. Driberg asked what steps had been taken to deal with overcrowding at this station and to what extent the complaints from the airmen stationed there and from passengers in transit had been due to understaffing.

Mr. Strachey replied that the fact that the station was still in process of major reconstruction was the main difficulty rather than understaffing.

The real point was not conditions but the fact that the men were longing to get home.—Reuter.

## INSPIRATION LACKING?

Tokyo, Jan. 24.—Only about one third of the usual number of poems has been submitted in the annual Imperial poetry party written on the subject "Shoto-No Yuki" or "Snow on the Pine."

The Emperor's poem read: "Man should be like the gnarled pine that does not change its colour though bearing the fallen snow."

The Empress Dowager's poem was "Noble is the pine that stands bearing the snow that fell settling down the peaks of the world." Held under century-old rites the party was attended by the Emperor at the Imperial Palace. A total of 14,202 poems were submitted which the "Nimono Times" said was only one-third of the number usually submitted.—Associated Press.

Disease spread everywhere. Young, attractive, educated women recruited by the Japanese, ostensibly as waitresses, clerks, shop assistants, etc., were so corrupted that one prominent social welfare worker told Reuter: "The demoralisation of Singapore womanhood is so bad that it will take years to regain any feelings of modesty, not to mention virtue."

Whole areas are placed out of bounds to the services in an effort to prevent the spread of disease, which is vitally affecting them. But in spite of increased patrols of flying jeeps, whose personnel make sudden incursions into obscure alleyways, many servicemen are still seen in doubtful localities.

The fact that many respectable houses and shops lie within the area proscribed by the now familiar black circle and red cross makes efficient control almost impossible.

Opium smoking was much encouraged by the Japanese. Now, although the Government has stopped sales of the drug, every hour in the 24 some helpless victim of the opium habit seeks the solace of an illegal pipe or opium smuggled in from any one of half a dozen neighbouring countries, where it is still sold under Government monopoly, or from producing countries such as India, Persia, Egypt or Turkey.

AGE-OLD SWINDLE.—Vigorous police action is also being taken against gambling, for the first time in history, the three card trick has appeared on the streets, and even women may be seen operating this age-old swindle.

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## DEMILITARISING SCHOOLS

Matsumura, Jan. 24.—Army patrols in Japan are still continuing to take the military spirit out of Japanese schools.

Two dozen swords and 37 protective Kendo suits used in fencing were taken from a school in the interior of Shikoku by a twelve-man patrol.—Associated Press.

## U.N.O. Atom Body Formed

LONDON, JAN. 24.—The United Nations General Assembly to-day voted unanimously to create a special atomic energy commission.

The move followed an appeal by U.S. Secretary of State James Byrnes for prompt action to prevent a world atomic armament race.

He said the United States entered the armament race during the war "not to destroy but to save civilisation." He added: "If the race continues uncontrolled, the civilisation we hoped to save may be destroyed."

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## AMAZING STORY IN MURDER TRIAL

ANGLESEY, JAN. 24.—WITH TEARS RUNNING DOWN HIS CHEEKS, AN EX-ARMY SERGEANT, ACCUSED OF MURDERING HIS WIFE AND BURYING HER IN THE SAND AT RED WHARF BAY, ANGLESEY, TOLD THE JURY TO-DAY THAT HIS WIFE HAD MADE HIM GO DOWN ON HIS KNEES AND SWEAR "AN AMAZING" SERIES OF PROMISES ON THE BIBLE.

ALBERT ARTHUR NETTLETON, WHO SOBBERED AND TWICE COLLAPSED IN THE WITNESS BOX, HAD JUST HEARD HIS OWN DOCTOR DECLARE: "HE WAS THE KINDEST, GENTLEST AND MOST CONSIDERATE HUSBAND I EVER KNEW."

Nettleton told the jury at the Anglesey Assizes that when he joined the army his wife made him promise: never to speak to another woman if he could avoid it; to make no friends without her consent.

"To work and play for one person only—my wife."

"To give her all his wages and be content with spending nothing."

"There shall be only one woman—my wife Ivy," said the document which Nettleton said he had signed.

"Her wishes and plans shall be mine. The decision of my wife Ivy on all matters shall be right and final. I promise to be always true and faithful to my darling wife, to be hers in sickness and in health and to love her more than anybody."

"ALWAYS LOVED HER"

"Did you keep that promise to the best of your ability?" Nettleton was asked. His answer was: "I always loved my wife."

Nettleton described how his wife, when he returned from the war, blamed him with having had "a good time" going to concerts and dances and "sucking oranges."

"I never answered my wife when she was in these moods because any answer would have been wrong," he said, adding that on one occasion she threw a pan of hot milk at him.

At other times, he said, she mocked his looks.

When he struck his wife he did so unintentionally and in defending himself against his wife who tried to strike him with a bread knife.

The hearing was adjourned.—Reuter.

## \$11,000 HAUL AT FERRY

Mr. Li Chun-sang, merchant, of No. 31, Bonham Strand West, first floor, reported to the Police that while at the Star Ferry wharf at 7 a.m. yesterday the sum of \$11,000 was stolen from his pocket.

Wong Kang-yue, manager, of No. 46, Elgin Street, first floor, reported that while having tiffin at the Kin Kwok Restaurant at noon yesterday the sum of \$1,200 was stolen from a pocket of his jacket which was hanging on the wall.

Mr. A. Batten of Prince's Building, reported the theft of a camera valued at \$140 from his car between Holland House and Prince's Building yesterday afternoon.

CAMP ARRESTS.—Tokyo, Jan. 24.—General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, tonight ordered the arrest at "the earliest possible date" of a further 48 Japanese, suspected of war crimes.

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## JAPS PAYING FOR THE WAR-LORDS' SINS

(By Murlin Spenger).

TOKYO, JAN. 24.—THE SINS OF JAPAN'S WAR - LORDS ARE FALLING MOST HEAVILY ON THE BACKS OF JAPANESE HOUSEWIVES AS HUNGER MAKES ITSELF FELT IN THIS BATTERED LAND.

THESE UNHAPPY WOMEN ARE TO BE SEEN EVERYWHERE IN THE MORNINGS WITH EMPTY PAILS IN THEIR HANDS, AND IN THE EVENINGS—IF THEIR GUESTS HAVE SUCCEEDED—PLODDING HOMEWARD UNDER LOADS OF VEGETABLES OR ANY OTHER FOOD THEY HAVE FOUND.

The breakdown of Japan's supply system has driven the housewife farther and farther into the country in search of food for her family.

Japan considered itself efficient but never provided for rationing or sale through regular channels of dairy products, eggs, sugar or fruit. Fish-meats, vegetables and other staples are rationed, but supplies are so meagre that housewives have the choice of buying on the black market to augment their thin stocks of going directly to the farmer, who charges near-black market prices.

Very early in the morning the housewife sets out. A package of American cigarettes or a chocolate bar acquired on the black market, clothing or a bar of precious soap are taken along, if available, to barter with the farmer.

NO COURTESY.—At the railroad station she battles merely to get inside the train with a rare hope of getting a seat. There is no courtesy and little good humour on a Japanese railroad platform, where angry or sullen men elbow in and out with no thought of anyone else.

If the shopper has already established a connection in the country, perhaps with some relative or friend who is a farmer, her chance of getting food is good, but hundreds without such relations return empty-handed.

One Japanese interpreter relayed to me this plaint of a woman at one railroad station:

Early in the morning she left her home—a rusty shack of corrugated iron left over from the bombings. A small daughter was left to tend the baby. A little food was left for their lunches, but there was nothing for dinner unless she found something.

She boarded a train so crowded that she and others had to stand on the couplings between the cars. She got off in the country and began weeping.

At each farmhouse she asked the same question: "Have you any food you can sell me?" At each farmhouse the answer was always, no.

By 6 p.m. she had been able to buy nothing as she began picking up bits of discarded rotten or undergrown potatoes and stems from the roadside. A farmer passed by and agreed to sell her some potatoes—at a high price.

UNFORGETTABLE.—It was night when she got back to Tokyo and she said it would be 10 p.m. before she got home and 11 before the potatoes would be ready to eat. She clung to the seat lest someone steal it.

She and other city dwellers who go through this routine say that the farmers "no longer are the simple folk they used to be. They are shrewd about black market prices and barter as well as anyone in the city."

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## H.K. Story With Happy Ending

THE STORY, FORTUNATELY WITH A HAPPY ENDING, OF HOW A HONG KONG MAN, ARRIVING IN ENGLAND BY THE "EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA," LOST HIS FOUR CHILDREN, HAS REACHED THE COLONY VIA THE COLUMNS OF THE "SURREY COMET."

The children were taken to England from Australia after their mother died, by the sister-in-law of Mr. W. J. Grant of the H.K. Prisons Department.

Mr. Grant was then a prisoner-in-war in Japan. On arrival in England, after the liberation, he made enquiries and was informed that the children had been sent with their aunt to New Malden, Surrey.

But in New Malden, no-one could be found who knew anything about the family. After an exhaustive enquiry, which proved fruitless, S.O.S. messages were inserted in the newspapers, and as a result the children were found happy and comfortable in Stoke Newington, in the north of London, where father and children had their delayed reunion.

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## The Weather

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## Germany's Future

"History that has already given us, and us alone, a second youth, will also give us a third one." These words were spoken in Germany's hour of darkness and defeat in 1919, by Germany's greatest political thinker, the sociologist, Max Weber. He knew his Germany (like so many German thinkers, he knew nothing except his Germany). His words were a prophecy. Nobody has a greater gift than the German for making unpleasant facts in cloudy, sentimental and idealistic phrases. Germany's first "youth" was the medieval Holy Roman Empire of the Germanic Empire which moves into the sunlight of history when its Emperors come south to harry civilised Italy, and which moves into the darkness of history when its Knights of the Teutonic Order ride east to harry the peaceful Slavs. Germany's second "youth" was the Germany of Bismarck, the Germany of three successful aggressive wars, Germany's third "youth" was the great raid of Hitlerism against civilised Europe. Germany's preparation for the "Second World War" did not begin on the day when Hitler became Chancellor of the Reich in 1933. It began on the eleventh day of November, in the year 1918. That same Max Weber, who looked forward to Germany's "third youth" was the chief shaping mind behind the Constitution of the Weimar Republic, a constitution flawlessly democratic from the formal point of view but which left (and was intended to leave) real power with Germany's "natural leaders," the great industrialists and the Junkers. To his friends Weber was quite frank: "I have no political plans except to concentrate all my strength on the one problem, how to get once more for Germany a great General Staff." The preparation was thorough. When the Nazis came to power in 1933, they found that the chemical industry could be converted to war purposes in a week, the aircraft industry in just under a month, while between two and four months would be needed to convert heavy industry to total war production, and a year to get armaments production generally to the level of 1918. The dull, plodding bureaucrats and respectful Trade Union Officials of the Weimar Republic lacked the colour of the Nazis. But they had done the spadework well. Lenin, in his little pamphlet on the functions of the State, made the true point that any successful revolution cannot afford merely to take over the existing organs of power; it must completely destroy them, and create its own organs. Otherwise the power of habit and tradition will prove too strong, and the new state will just be an echo of the old. The Weimar Republic was not a new state. The real organs of power, the ruling estates, remained untouched. There was no rebellion of the spirit. The Trade Unions were, in Weber's laudatory and damning phrase, "solid and reliable." Now, it is different. The Allied Control Commission has already destroyed the organs of militaristic power in Germany. The hierarchies are broken down. The great industrialists are not to be allowed to carry on with experimental and theoretical work on "railway trucks." The issue now being discussed, whether Germany's steel production capacity shall be limited to 5,800,000 tons as recommended by America, or 7,500,000 tons, as Britain suggests, indicates the rigidity of the control that is planned. The democrats are having to do without their para-military sports clubs. There is no Freikorps to

## Stiff Sentence On Pirates

THE DETERMINATION OF THE COURT TO PLAY ITS PART IN THE SUPPRESSION OF CRIMES BY THE INFLECTION OF DETERRENT SENTENCES WAS AGAIN STRESSED BY MR. LEO D'ALMADA, PRESIDING AT THE STANDING MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY WHEN HE IMPOSED SENTENCES OF 15 YEARS' HARD LABOUR PLUS 12 STROKES OF THE CANE ON THREE MEN WHO PLEADED GUILTY TO HAVING COMMITTED AN ACT OF PIRACY ON BOARD THE MAN KWONG FERRY LAUNCH ON NOV. 20.

The accused were told: "You may consider yourselves lucky that after very careful review of the whole circumstances of the case the Court considers you should be whipped by the cane and not with the 'cat'."

"It should be made known that this Court has no hesitation, in crimes deserving the 'cat' in inflicting such punishment."

The accused, Tam Yuen, 24, Lai Chuen, 26, and Lai Shing, 20, were charged with assaulting and putting in fear of their lives, Leung Yuen, coxswain of the ferry launch Man Kwong, and other members of the crew on Nov. 20 while armed with revolvers, and a hand grenade, and robbing the crew and passengers of a total of H.K.\$4,336.31 and N.C.\$86,150 in cash, jewellery and clothing and other personal effects.

Members of the Military Court were Mr. Leo d'Almada, Maj. J. B. Kite, and Mr. D. H. Blake. Mr. F. X. d'Almada prosecuted. Mr. J. Donovan, A.S.P., C.I.D., represented the police. Mr. K. P. Wong appeared for the defence of all the accused.

Mr. Wong said that before he pleaded on behalf of the accused he would like to clear up a point of law which has a bearing on his plea.

He said that both he and the prosecution had agreed that the offence the accused were charged with was just common piracy, one not involving the use of violence, and did not fall under a statutory piracy which offence involved capital punishment.

Mr. Wong argued that for an offence to come under that of statutory piracy violence must be present, and threats of violence must be specifically given in the indictment.

IN BRITISH WATERS  
Counsel said that if the Court accepted his contention that the charges against accused was just common piracy he was prepared to plead guilty on behalf of the accused. Under Rule 42 of the Military Proclamation a Court could not accept a plea of guilty in an offence where capital punishment was involved. His instructions were to plead guilty but he was bound by Rule 42 of the Proclamation.

In answer to a question by the president, Mr. F. X. d'Almada said that the offence was committed in Tung Chung Bay just off Castle Peak in waters within the jurisdiction of the Colony. He added that the obvious intentions of the accused were to take the vessel beyond the limits of Hong Kong and the coxswain was ordered to steer

the vessel to Lin Tien, in Chinese territory.

Mr. Leo d'Almada said that in view of the seriousness of the charge the Court had decided to proceed with the case but accused would be given time to consider how to plead.

After the charge was read over to the accused they all pleaded guilty.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada said that on Nov. 20 last year the ferry boat Man Kwong which plied between Hong Kong, Castle Peak and Tai O left the Vehicular Ferry Wharf at 2 p.m. with 30-odd passengers and a crew of 13.

Having touched at Castle Peak and while at the entrance to Tung Chung Bay a number of armed persons suddenly appeared on the upper deck. These men entered the wheel house, intimidated and forced the coxswain to change course and head towards Lin Tien Island.

Meanwhile the robbers proceeded to relieve the passengers of their money and personal ornaments and even their clothing.

"GAME IS UP"  
As the ferry boat headed towards Lin Tien, the police, who had been previously warned, were patrolling the area. As the police launch, with the help of an R.A.F. speedboat, sighted the ferry it made towards the pirated vessel.

Meanwhile on board the ferry the passengers overheard the robbers saying, "The game is up; we are done for. They are after us." The robbers opened fire on the R.A.F. speedboat and after a while the fire was returned.

Subsequently the Police boarded the Man Kwong and arrested the robbers in various parts of the vessel. One of them who had jumped overboard was fished out of the water. A Mauser, three revolvers and some ammunition were found abandoned in various parts of the ferry.

All the accused were identified at an identification parade held by the Police. Originally four men were charged but one had escaped from custody.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada said he would like to add that it was due to the help of the naval authorities and the R.A.F. that the Man Kwong was caught up with and boarded.

In consequence of the exchange of fire several people were wounded and two succumbed to their wounds later.

In answer to the Court counsel added that it was not alleged that fire from the pirates killed three persons. They were killed probably by the crossfire.

ACCUSED LUCKY  
After a short adjournment the

## U.S. DOLLAR FALLS

Gold opened quiet yesterday morning at \$485 per tole, and the market remained stagnant throughout, closing at the same rate.

Chinese national currency was also inactive, opening at HK\$4.65 to CN\$1,000, and closing at the same rate.

American dollars have fallen in value, fetching only \$6.90 for \$20 bills and \$6.70 for smaller denominations.

English Sterling had buyers at \$18.80, Australian pound notes at \$12.80.

Court delivered sentence. Mr. Leo d'Almada said: "Time and again this Court has made it clear that it is determined to play its part in the suppression of crimes such as that of which you have pleaded guilty and the Court can do so only by imposing deterrent sentences which of course, must have relation to the circumstances of the crime."

Accused, with a fourth accomplice who unfortunately escaped, had perpetrated a very daring piracy in the course of which they attempted to take away a ferry launch which was serving the people of the Colony and the New Territories.

"But for the vigilance of the Police and the assistance rendered by the Services you would have succeeded and would be enjoying the fruits of your crime. When the Police attempted your capture you strove to defeat their purpose by opening fire upon them with the result of course that you drew fire from your pursuers. The consequences of your action are that some persons were wounded and two unfortunately died from their wounds."

Mr. d'Almada told the accused that they could consider themselves lucky that the Court decided that they should be whipped by the cane and not the "cat."

## Magistrate's Warning

The case against Lam Sang, Li Pui and Pang Sheung Choi for demanding money with monies and assaults ended yesterday. Arraigned together with a Chinese soldier, were convicted of assaulting and demanding money from Chau Sing, an ex-Japanese detective.

The Crown was represented by Mr. R. E. Smith and Sub-Inspector Sykes while two of the accused were defended by Mr. Prior. The Chinese soldier was discharged after the first hearing.

Li Nigel, before imposing sentence, said: "I wish to draw the public's attention to a matter mentioned by Mr. Smith, that there is machinery existing in the criminal law of the Colony for dealing with all the varying degrees of guilt of persons who wrongfully take the law into their own hands, and to point out that the Court will punish and deal severely with those who overstep the mark in this respect."

Lam Sang was fined \$50, Li Pui sentenced to 28 days imprisonment and Pang fined \$10.

Li Nigel, addressing accused, said: "You are warned as to the seriousness of the offence. But for the fact that there are circumstances which the Crown considers alleviate the offence in this particular case, a more severe sentence would be imposed."

## HAD JAP RIFLE

As a result of a raid on No. 17 Tak Lung Village, Castle Peak, by the police and R.A.F. Lau Sing Pong was arrested for having a 202 Japanese rifle and 14 rounds of ammunition. At the Summary Military Court, Kowloon, yesterday, Inspector Rothwell said the raid was connected with one on a sampan, which resulted in a gun duel between suspects and police on Jan. 22.

Accused was sentenced to 18 months hard labour.

## Portuguese Wins Tenancy Case

At the Kowloon Tenancy Tribunal yesterday Mr. L. E. Guterres won his case against the opponent, Chan Kam, residing at No. 8, Cameron Road.

Before a Tribunal comprising Messrs. Horace Lo (chairman), Mr. M. Siu and H. K. Lee, Mr. Guterres said that the premises were let to a Mrs. Wong up to October, 1943, when he left for Macao.

His son, A. A. Guterres took over the management of his affairs and when Mrs. Wong left Hong Kong, appointed Chan Kam to be principle tenant. Chan had been paying forty yen rent. After the re-occupation, \$60 rent was collected. When Mr. Guterres returned to the Colony in Dec., 1945, he found the premises being improperly used and every time he went there he could not find opponent at home.

A. A. Guterres testified that on many occasions he had to go to No. 13, Lock Road, to see the opponent.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks who acted for the opponent said that she only went to No. 13, Lock Road, to help her brother-in-law in household affairs. When the opponent was called she said that she stayed at her brother-in-law's house to do his washing and cooking.

The brother-in-law, Cheng Ching-wai, contradicted this statement, saying that during this period he was away from the Colony.

Mr. Lo asked opponent how she could help her brother-in-law when he was actually away. Immediate eviction from the premises was ordered.

HUMPHREYS AVENUE  
A remedied case concerning No. 9, Humphreys Avenue was also settled. The applicant, I. M. S. Remedios, applied for an increase of rent from \$40 to \$160.

After an inspection of the premises by Mr. Lo and other members of the Tribunal, rent was fixed at \$80 a month. The applicant, Gan Dang Song, was ordered to pay no more than that amount for a reduction of rent was granted to sub-tenant of Nos. 41 and 43, Woo Sung

men and Abbie will see dear Frankie in another light. (Miss) M. HING.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Answer: In other circumstances, we should be glad to publish your letter, but at this time, it is not possible to do so. A. H. HING.

Answer: Your letter has been received and will be published in the next issue of the newspaper. A. H. HING.

## Hing Lung St. Case

Ko Hing-kwai, alias Ko Yuk-chan, 46, was charged before Mr. A. C. Arculli at the Summary Military Court yesterday with counselling, procuring or commanding Chan Chiu, to commit a crime between Nov. 7 and 17 last year.

The case involved larceny of seven gunny sacks of washing soda valued at \$1,750, a bale of cotton yarn at \$7,500, four barrels of ice ferment at \$120, a bag of candle wax at \$300, 10 bales of cotton cloth at \$3,750, 10 tins of butter and \$80 in money from the ground floor of No. 15, Hing Lung Street.

The case against Chan had been dealt with by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the other Court.

Mr. M. A. da Silva assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector R. MacKenzie conducted the prosecution.

It was alleged that at the command of Ko, Chan employed a gang of coolies who, under the pretence of searching for a enemy property, removed the goods to a junk.

Chan testified that Ko told him to arrange the whole matter. After the hearing of further evidence, the case was adjourned.

## SALVATION ARMY TAKE OVER

The King's Park Orphanage was officially handed over to the Salvation Army yesterday.

After a meeting at the orphanage in the afternoon, with Mr. Ko Chouk Hing, Chief Secretary, in the chair, documents were formally handed to Miss Barnard, the new principal, by Mr. C. W. Shum, assistant secretary.

Among those present were members of the Salvation Army and Mr. Goble, who represented the Government.

## Water Police War On Pirates

FOR A NAVAL REPORTER WHO WAS ATTACHED FOR A FEW DAYS RECENTLY TO THE HONG KONG WATER POLICE, A VERY FAMILIAR CHILDHOOD DREAM CAME TRUE, AND BETTER THAN THE ORIGINAL.

THE HONG KONG WATER POLICE ARE ON A MORE CARRYING ON THEIR WAR AGAINST PIRATES, A WAR THAT HAS BEEN WAGED EVER SINCE THE PORT CAME UNDER BRITISH JURISDICTION.

They suffer greatly to-day from lack of personnel, from lost contacts, from encouragement and arms given to the pirates by the Japanese. One man, Inspector Fernandez, a forty-year-old Australian, hard-bitten veteran of the famous Shanghai Police, has the job of his career, controlling with insufficient forces over 900 square miles of creeks, bays and interlocked islands. His greatest handicap comes from lack of accurate and up-to-date information of pirate movements.

To assist in this work, the Royal Navy has co-operated to a great extent in patrol work, motor launches, submarines, cruisers, minesweepers, corvettes and sloops have all been used for this work. But the burden of the work must inevitably fall on the Police boats themselves.

Of these there are very few left. During the fighting for the port in 1941, most of them were sunk or irreparably damaged. Those that were left were used by the Japanese for their own purposes, and were not treated with the care a good ship needs. Our Naval Reporter recently spent several days on Police Launch No. 4, patrolling the waters around Mira Bay on the Border.

## STANCH CRAFT

He joined the boat at Yaumatei Dock, Kowloon, where she had been lying whilst repairs. She proved to be a staunch little craft of some 110 feet length with a 21 foot beam. Her C.O. was Sub-Lt. "Timmy" Bayliff, a Canadian rancher who had exchanged his cattle for the Merchant Navy, and the Merchant Navy for the Royal Navy. He comes for Chianchoi Beach, Alexia Creek, B.C. Chianchoi, he explains means "Run-lance Water". With him were two old hands at the anti-pirate game, Leading Seaman John Anderson of John Street, Bellsli, Lanarkshire, better known as "Jock", and Stoker Trevor Lewis of Cimla, North, better known as "Tail".

Tim explained that they were not at all sure how one would behave as she had been on the bottom for some months, and they had only a week to get her in running. The saloon, a tiny, wood-paneled little place, provided evidence of this; bullet-holes and shrapnel marks pitted the woodwork, and through the head of one of the bunks in the forward cabin a neat little hole had been drilled.

REMARKABLE CAREER  
The chief engineer, the most valuable man on board, finally announced that he was satisfied with his engines, and the ship moved out. The chief has had a remarkable career in the Water Police. He is a fully qualified engineer, and had served on this same boat before the war. After the arrival of the Japanese, he fled to the country, coming back to join another Police Launch which was mined with many casualties a few weeks ago. He was badly injured in the explosion, but volunteered, not only to come back to the job, but also to find a Chinese crew as well. This last was a great relief to the Police, who are finding it increasingly difficult to man their ships in face of the mine danger.

The crew consisted of some twenty seamen, under two Coxswains and a Bosun; only two of these seamen had been to sea recently. The chief had seven men under him in the engine and boiler room, and she also carried two Chinese wireless operators who did duty as interpreters, and two cooks, one of whom was a wonder at turning out a three course meal from a tin and an egg. The old craft, proved herself very seaworthy, and the engines never gave a moment's anxiety. Mounted in the bows was a Hotchkiss Three-pounder she also carried Lewis gun and small arms.

SOENIC BEAUTY  
It appears that little has been written about the scenic beauty of the China Coast. The waters around the New Territories are full of delightful surprises; they are more like the Western Isles of Scotland than anything else, full of tiny bays, long thin inlets, rugged islands and surrounded by great grass covered hills. The islands and bays each hide their own little village with its collection of junk and sampans, all of which have to be searched and licensed. This is the main job at the present moment, as it is hoped that when all larger junks carry identification numbers and leave the job of tracking pirates will be simplified.

Police Launch No. 4 had a patrol to extensive patrol area on that particular trip, covering waters from Tai Po on the main Kowloon

Canton Railway to Sha Tau Kok, right on the Chinese border.

## COMMANDO EFFORTS

At Tai Po a detachment of Commandos have been stationed for some time; their main job has been to police the town and adjoining territory, but they have also contributed greatly towards the proper treatment of sick villagers. They are popular with the villagers, who readily co-operate with them.

It is not the Police policy to stop or hinder any form of trade that will help the Colony to get back on its feet again. Thus, junks operating between the Territories and the mainland are allowed to carry all forms of goods apart from arms or drugs into the Colony, although a strict check is kept of all goods going out. The main trade at the moment is in firewood, which comes from the Chinese hinterland, and commands a high price.

## REINFORCEMENTS

The Water Police expect to be reinforced in the near future with some 25 men from Shanghai, who will form the nucleus for a new force, made up in the main of English "War Reserve Police Volunteers". These British Policemen are coming out on a three year contract, an answer to a call for help that was put to them late last year. It will be a new, a highly interesting job for men who have not in the course of duty, carried arms and "walked a beat" on water. Police work in China differs greatly from that at home, where information is freely given. The pirates are greatly assisted by the fear they have instilled into their victims. It is a difficult task even setting them to admit they have been robbed, never mind getting a description of their attackers.

It appears to be a well-nigh impossible task, hunting out and destroying the pirate menace; but the Hong Kong Water Police, working in conjunction with the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines, are by no means disheartened by the odds against them. It is a hard job, and a long one, but they are sure to finish it.

## H.K. ARRIVALS

Recent arrivals in the Colony by air include Mr. P. H. Bonner, of the Netherlands Trading Co., Hong Kong; Mr. A. L. Laurie, of the Shell Co. of China; Mr. J. F. Marshall and Mr. C. J. F. Law, of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank; and Mr. C. C. Caynes, of the Hong Kong Police; Sq. Ldr. Leyce, reporting to Civil Affairs; Mr. H. Brownrigg, reporting to the Commissioner of Police; Mr. N. V. T. Lo Petot, of the Ministry of Food; Mr. F. C. Varnham, of the Bank of India, Australia and China; Mr. A. L. Kunnor, of the Standard Vacuum Oil Co.; and Mr. C. T. White, of the United States Consular Service.

Mr. John P. Reeves, O.B.E. British Consul in Macao, paid a flying visit to the Colony yesterday. He has since returned to Macao.

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## Readers' Letters

## Pomposity

Sir,—We two "naive correspondents" were amazed, but at the same time delighted with the literary antics of the person or persons who adopt the pseudonym of "Omnia Vincit Labor." It seems a pity that he should waste his no doubt valuable time writing to the "China Mail" when he could preach his well-worn philosophy in Hyde Park.

We do not wish to defend ourselves on our letter to Miss Chan which was written in fun. It seems "Friend Omnia Vincit Labor" has "missed the boat" owing to lack of humour.

May we say that we have never seen a letter which is at once as irresponsible and mischievous, and written with such overbearing pomposity.

A last reminder. We two, and many others who agree with us on this matter have been fighting for the past six years for the Freedom of Speech and Self Government about which you so righteously bleat, and therefore are truly conversant with the issues at stake.

STILL TWO SANE SERVICEMEN.

"preserve, order." The whole rooted iniquity is being wrenched out like a rotting tooth. The soul of a nation is a mystery. Nobody can predict what will happen to the German soul. But for the first time in Germany's long history of aggression and catastrophe, it will have a chance to heal. Germany will never have a fourth youth; but she may have something that is new in her history, the chance to grow up.

## Dose of Salts?

Sir,—We, the undersigned, as tolerant souls and neutral observers of the Crosby-Sinatra "conflict" wish to deprecate the stark reports of the "residue of temporary residents" and ask of them a little more gentleness and good humour, and less of the "wet blanket spirit" as portrayed in their letters.

It is suggested that a good dose of Andrew's Liver Salts taken regularly would bring about the desired effect.

However, could it be too much for their stretch of imagination, or too broad for their outlook, to wonder if, repeat if, Miss Chan's letter had been written by a burly, hairy, he-man Commando with a fine sense of humour.

AGRESTO MEDENDO.

## Sour

Sir,—Through the medium of your honourable paper, I would like to write a few words in defence of Frankie and Miss Chan. Yesterday, I read a letter by Two Sane Servicemen and I think these men suffer from sour grapes.

If Miss Chan had said Bing Crosby was the tope, they would probably have said Frankie was the tope. Mr. Abbie has to turn to insults to try and prove his false statement.

When Frankie sings, I feel he is singing only to me and I feel millions of more girls must feel the same way. I am sure if you have heard Frankie sing "I could not sleep a wink last night" you would know what I mean. Frankie does not have to sing "hot, hot, hot" and act ridiculous to make time pass. He is just a normal boy.

I hope now that Sane Service-



# TENSION IN BELGIUM

## Duel Between Government And Leopold

### Bloodless Civil War

(By Serge Nabokoff)

BRUSSELS, JAN. 24. POLITICAL TENSION IS STEADILY INCREASING IN BELGIUM. THE TRUCE WHICH WAS TACTICALLY ESTABLISHED LAST OCTOBER AFTER TWO MONTHS OF FIERCE DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT AND IN THE PRESS ON WHETHER KING LEOPOLD III SHOULD RETURN TO THE THRONE, IS RAPIDLY ENDING.

THE PUBLICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROMISED WHITE PAPER ON THE ROYAL QUESTION CONTAINING DOCUMENTS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS JUSTIFY ITS OPPOSITION TO THE RETURN OF THE KING IS DUE ABOUT THE END OF JANUARY.

So is the release by Leopold, at present living in exile with his family near Geneva, of the documents which he maintains justify his disputed actions since the outbreak of war.

But even before the duel between King and Government is resumed in the publication of these documents, a "bloodless civil war" as one political commentator described the situation, has already flared up in Belgium. It is being fought at party congresses and meetings, press campaigns and innumerable election speeches.

### Mr. Bevin Critic Of Poland

LONDON, JAN. 24. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin yesterday labelled Poland a "police state" but declined to answer a question whether he would "urge that a special general election should take place in Poland before all the potential leaders of the opposition have been murdered."

Bevin, however, said that he was "seriously concerned at the number of political murders that have been committed in Poland in recent weeks" and added that the killings in "many places appear to point to the complicity of the Polish Security Police."

"I regard it as imperative that the Polish provisional government should put an immediate stop to these crimes in order that free and unfettered elections might be held as soon as possible in accordance with the Crimes Decisions," Bevin said.

His answers were brought out under insistent questioning by a Belfast Member of Parliament.—Associated Press.

### Forman Again

NEW YORK, JAN. 24. Speaking before the American Geographical Society, Mr. Harrison Forman, former correspondent in China of the "London Times" and the "New York Times," said that he learned first hand that Chinese Communists were responsible for immediate half of all the Japanese forces in China. He said that credit must not go only to the army but to the people who "ported millions of crude home-made mines."

Forman said the Chinese Communist army fought only with weapons captured from the Japanese. He said the reason the Communists were now in the best area of China was because in 1937 Chiang Kai-shek had a million soldiers in that area and that they were annihilated by the Japanese within a month. Then, he said, the Chinese Communists infiltrated into the area.

Forman added, "I don't believe America should assume the responsibility of mediator because we may be left holding the bag. The problem should be placed in the hands of the United Nations."

### VAST UNRRA OPERATION

WASHINGTON, JAN. 24. Mr. Herbert Lehman, Director-General of U.N.R.R.A., revealed the vast dimensions of the agency when he announced yesterday that since U.N.R.R.A. began operations two years ago it has shipped 4,000,000 tons of relief goods to needy countries. Of this amount almost 3,000,000 tons consisted of food, clothing and other personal relief items.

Lehman said that shipments to

Before arraying their "troops" for the most momentous election in Belgium's whole history, due in March, party leaders and executives are adjusting their strategies with unprecedented care and astuteness.

The question of Leopold III is by no means the only major issue at stake. As the date of the election approaches, there are other controversies which rival it and appear at times to be driving wedges between the parties of the present left-wing coalition, controversies on social and economic problems on which depend the immediate future of the country and its well-being.

ABSOLUTE NECESSITY. Stressing that with the flow of goods from abroad and with many home industries already working to capacity, Belgium has won the first round in her struggle for recovery, the Socialist Premier, M. Achille Van Acker, constantly repeats during his election tours that "unless the second round is also won, everything will have to be started all over again."

Conditions for achieving this success, according to him, are: first, to maintain prices and wages at their present level; and second, to increase Belgium's exports.

"It is an absolute necessity for us," he says, "to be able to export during the coming year 20,000,000 francs (about \$13,635,000) worth of goods. For this he wants to keep down costs and, instead of increasing salaries, increase their purchasing power."

This will only be possible when there are plenty of commodities on the market and when the black-market has entirely disappeared.

The Communists, who are striving for a speedy improvement of the worker's living conditions and calling for salary increases do not agree with this policy and are openly criticising it.—Reuter.

## Railways Added To U.S. Labour Troubles

WASHINGTON, JAN. 24. FEARING A NATIONWIDE RAIL COMMUNICATION STOPPAGE, PRESIDENT TRUMAN YESTERDAY CREATED AN EMERGENCY BOARD TO INVESTIGATE THE DISPUTE BETWEEN TWO CHICAGO RAILROADS AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY TRAINMEN.

THE APPOINTMENT OF SUCH A BOARD BY THE PRESIDENT USUALLY DELAYS AUTOMATICALLY FOR 60 DAYS ANY STRIKE ACTION OTHER THAN VOTES BY THE UNIONS.

Strike votes, according to the railway Brotherhood President A. P. Whitney, were being scheduled.

Whitney said that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers had called a meeting on Feb. 1 to consider parallel action on two demands for general wage increases of 25 per cent and for changes in operating regulations.

A rail strike in Chicago would block shipments of freight through the Mid-West, Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross said the War Department would step in "if necessary" and that orders for such action were being prepared by the Secretary of Labour.

Whitney stated that it would take three weeks to hold the strike votes, after which "we will serve notice on the railroads."

He said the strike would halt all railroads in the United States.—Associated Press.

China total 263,947 tons, the majority of which was sent in the first half of 1945. It indicated that shipments to China would soon reach a far greater amount.—Associated Press.



Taken on the occasion of the visit of Admiral Lord Fraser to Amoy, this photograph shows the Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet shaking hands with the Amoy Chinese football team who played a side from J.M.S. "Duke of York." With Admiral Fraser are Admiral Lin and the Mayor of Amoy.

## One In The Eye For Russia From Greece

ATHENS, JAN. 24. The recently formed centre and rightist bloc, including the Royalist Populists, the Venizelos Liberals and eight other parties questioned the Russian action in raising the matter of British troops in Greece before the United Nations Security Council.

In a joint statement the ten parties expressed "surprise because the question of the withdrawal of the British troops was raised without Greece's cognisance."

The statement declared that Britain's commitment of April 1939, subsequently renewed, to grant assistance to Greece until her rehabilitation "cannot be considered fulfilled before peace and security are definitely obtained."

"Greece's neighbours have openly declared their intentions to annex Greek territories and by all means try to mutilate her," the statement added.

"British troops are in Greece at her express request and their premature withdrawal would violate allied obligations to her."—Associated Press.

### Drastic Move In Meat Strike

WASHINGTON, JAN. 24. The White House announced yesterday that the Department of Agriculture would seize America's strike-bound meat packing houses on Saturday.

The decision for Government operation of the plants followed closely on the meeting of President Truman's fact-finding Board with the Chicago meat packing companies.

The President had said earlier that he was reluctant to place the meat concerns under Government operation and would do so only as a last resort and because the nation would be faced with prolongation of the severe meat shortage.

There are more than 260,000 men involved in the packing house wage dispute over which they walked out a week ago.—Associated Press.

### U.N.R.R.A. Plan For China

WASHINGTON, JAN. 24. The U.N.R.R.A. yesterday revealed plans to further augment its huge relief programme in China by placing an estimated 700 trained field workers in that country within the next five months.

Prospective China workers are now streaming into Washington for the concentrated one-month course on the essentials of their duties in the training centre.

The U.N.R.R.A. revealed that 200 have already completed their training and are now on route to China.

The task of training the group is under the direction of J. Stewart Burgess, American educator well-known in China as a result of 20 years' experience in Chinese educational circles.—Associated Press.

### NEW LABOUR PARTY

PRAGUE, JAN. 24. A new political party, the Labour Party, and the seventh political group authorized to function in Czechoslovakia, will make its appearance within the next few days under the leadership of Dr. Ivan Doser, concentration camp veteran and former Minister of the Czechoslovak Republic.

The party's activities will be restricted to Czechoslovakia where only the Democratic and Communist parties are functioning. The new group hopes to draw strength from both older parties as well as a large independent following, and expects to have candidates in the next general election.—Associated Press.

### New French Wrangle

PARIS, JAN. 24. The prospects of M.R.P. participation in France's new Government darkened late on Wednesday as the result of a wrangle with the Communists ostensibly over a statement of principle.

Leaving a meeting of the heads of the Communist, Socialist and M.R.P. Parties, Georges Bidault, M.R.P. leader and de Gaulle's Foreign Minister, declared: "Things are not going well."

The Socialist deputy Marcel Nacquet said that the Constituent Assembly would go into session without the M.R.P. unless the M.R.P. agreed to join the new Government by Wednesday.—Associated Press.

### AMERICAN CULTURE FOR JAPAN

KYOTO, JAN. 24. Three hundred volumes on American history and culture to be known as the Kravetz Library have been dedicated to the Doshisha University, Japan's oldest and largest Christian University. The library has been named in honor of General Walter Kravetz.—Associated Press.

## China To Take Over Jap. Markets

SHANGHAI, JAN. 24. CHINA PLANS TO ACQUIRE JAPAN'S FOREIGN TEXTILE MARKETS, A BUSINESS ESTIMATED AS HUGE AS \$300,000,000 ANNUALLY, SAID PREMIER T. V. SOONG.

He said the new government sponsored textile development company had the full support of shipping and banking interests in a broad programme which should soon corner one of Japan's largest export fields. He said the company was established to organize silk and cotton production for vast export expansion.

China was taking over Japanese cotton mills which, Soong said, will double the nation's production.

The Premier explained that China plans eventually to produce her own spinning and weaving machinery. He said China was demanding five million mulberry trees from Japan as a first step toward revival of the important silk industry. He said the Japanese destroyed trees in an attempt to erase China's silk production.—Associated Press.

## Council's Part In World Order

LONDON, JAN. 24. Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, chief Indian delegate to the United Nations Assembly, who was elected as President of the Economic and Social Council, told the Associated Press that he expected India to contribute "largely" to solutions of world economic and social problems.

"In the international field," said Sir Ramaswami, "no problems are of greater interest to India than the economic and social problems of the present time."

"I am glad that India has a place on the Economic and Social Council and that a citizen of India is its first president."

"I am certain that India will contribute very largely through its experts in the economic and social spheres to the success of the work of the Council."

In his acceptance speech yesterday, Sir Ramaswami thanked the Council "for this highest honour that has been done me," adding: "If the honour is great, the responsibility is even greater and no one recognizes that more than myself."

He said: "We are not going to have prosperity just around the corner, or social security in the twinkling of an eye. On the work of this Council lies the real security and the peace of the future of this world."—Associated Press.

## Army's Sigh Of Relief

WASHINGTON, JAN. 24. Military procurement officials responsible for maintaining supply of meat and allied products to the nation's armed services around the world, welcomed President Truman's announcement that the government will take over the meat plants.

Authorities said that this action ensures immediate resumption of meat supplies for all purposes. They state that during the week since the strike services of meat supplies abroad reached the vanishing point resulting in sharp curtailment of meat rations in all theatres, especially in the Pacific and India.

The military believed they are not likely to be called to participate in taking over the plants.—Associated Press.

### MARINES LEAVING

TIENTSIN, JAN. 24. Another 5,000 enlisted men and a few hundred marine officers are expected to start homeward in the next two weeks as discharge points are lowered to 45 about Feb. 1.

Major-General Eller Rockey, Commander of the marine 3rd Amphibious Force said that marine strength in China has been reduced from 62,000 to 45,000 since the October landings. He added that he suggested a further cut and expected his suggestion to be followed. Rockey estimated that it will take three and a half months to retrain the 875,000 Japanese remaining in North China.—Associated Press.

### YOUNG STOWAWAYS

SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 24. The Navy yesterday reported that the Navy cargo ship, "Self," will dock at San Francisco on Thursday with two Filipino stowaways.

They are Nundallano, Dikmo, 18, of Ormoc, and Leopoldo, 18, of Mindanao. They told the ship's officers both have relatives in the United States and want to go to school here.—Associated Press.

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It is brought to the attention of the interested parties that, according to the regulations established by the Decree-Law of October 6, 1944 and Ministerial Decree of May 30, 1945, all Belgian Bank Notes and Belgian Bonds or shares to bearer, which are not declared and deposited within the stipulated term, will be nullified.

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## Sordid Tale Of Papen Career

NUERNBERG, JAN. 24.  
BRITISH PROSECUTORS, BACKED AT PRODUCING  
COLOGNE BANKER KURT VON SCHROEDER,  
WHO HELPED TO FINANCE HITLER'S RISE TO  
POWER, WHEN THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL  
RULED THAT HE MUST FACE DEFENCE CROSS  
EXAMINATION.

THE PROSECUTORS WITHDREW VON SCHROEDER'S  
AFFIDAVIT FROM THE CASE AGAINST FRANZ  
VON PAPEN FOLLOWING THE COURT'S RULING.  
THEY SAID THAT THEY DID NOT PLAN TO RE-  
SUBMIT IT BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WISH VON  
SCHROEDER TO APPEAR IN THE COURT ROOM.

## A.P. Sels A New Mark

Istanbul, Jan. 24.  
Turkish journalism crossed an  
historic milestone yesterday  
when the Associated Press began to  
direct distribution of its world  
news reports.

By special permission of the  
Government the Associated Press  
sent its news directly to news-  
papers instead of operating  
through the Anatolia agency  
which distributes news to all other  
foreign agencies serving the Tur-  
kish press.

It is the first time an outside  
agency has been granted such  
rights but the decision followed  
assurances by the Government last  
Spring to grant greater freedom  
to the press.

The newspaper "Son Telegraph"  
commenting on the inauguration  
of the Associated Press service  
asserted: "This agency, which  
gives accurate and timely news,  
will find itself in a sincere and  
family environment in Ankara's  
Ottoman—the Fleet Street of  
Istanbul."

Permission for direct distribu-  
tion was granted by Nedim  
Veynel Ikkin, director of the im-  
portant press bureau, late in  
November.

"We are sure you will be of  
benefit to Turkey, and Turkey is  
happy to welcome you," he de-  
clared.—Associated Press.

Describing von Papen, who  
headed the German spy and sabo-  
tage ring in the United States  
in the first world war, as an  
"unscrupulous political opportu-  
nist," the prosecution said he  
became an able servant to Hitler  
as German Ambassador to Tur-  
key.

The von Papen testimony  
brought its last minute switch  
when the presentation of the  
Rudolf Hess evidence was post-  
poned because Hess was unable to  
attend the session.

Hans Fritzsche, German radio  
propaganda chief, admitted the  
falseness of the German claim  
that the Nazi attack against Rus-  
sia in 1942 was a "preventive war  
for the defense of the Father-  
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## Clark-Kerr Not Returning To Moscow

Moscow, Jan. 24.  
The Soviet Union may shortly  
be temporarily without the pres-  
ence of the Ambassadors of four  
important powers.

U.S. Ambassador Averell Harri-  
man is scheduled to leave for the  
United States to-morrow. The  
British Ambassador, Sir Archi-  
bald Clark-Kerr, was due in Eng-  
land to-day en route from Berlin  
to Java as a special envoy.

Neither are expected to return  
to Moscow in their previous capa-  
cities.

General Georges Catroux, the  
French Ambassador, is reported in  
French circles to be preparing for  
a trip to Paris in connection  
with the recent Government  
changes, with some possibility of  
his not returning. The Chinese  
Ambassador, Foo Peng-shoung, is  
currently in London at the U.N.O.  
Conference.

American Minister George Ken-  
nedy and Britain's Frank Roberts  
will handle their nations' affairs  
in Moscow until new appointments  
are made.—Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 24.  
General Mark Clark, who had  
been recently assailed by critics  
because of the costly Rapido River  
battle in Italy, was yesterday nomi-  
nated by President Truman for the  
permanent rank of Major-  
General.

Besides Clark, five other tem-  
porary war-time full generals  
were recommended for the rank  
of Major-General, including Gen-  
erals Kenney and Spaatz of the  
air force. Kenney commanded the  
air force throughout the  
Pacific war.

Four temporary Lieut-Generals  
were also recommended for the  
permanent rank of Major-General,  
including Robert Eichelberger,  
commander of the 8th Army in  
Japan.—Associated Press.

SHANGHAI WAR CRIMES  
TRIAL

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## New Order On Motor Transport

QWING TO TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES THE AD-  
MINISTRATION HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO  
PUBLISH PROCLAMATION NO. 19—MOTOR  
TRANSPORT.

ARTICLE 3 REQUIRES THAT ANY PERSON NOW OR  
HEREAFTER IN POSSESSION OR CONTROL,  
WHETHER SOLELY OR WITH ANY OTHER PER-  
SON, OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OTHER THAN A  
MOTOR VEHICLE BEARING WITH THE CON-  
SENT EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED OF THE COM-  
MANDER-IN-CHIEF A HONG KONG GOVERN-  
MENT M.A.K. OR R.N. REGISTRATION NUMBER  
OR OTHER REGISTRATION NUMBER ISSUED BY  
THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY, SHALL DE-  
CLARE THE VEHICLE BY MAKING A RETURN  
GIVING THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS:

The make of the vehicle.  
Type of body.  
Engine and chassis numbers.  
Horse power.  
The original registration num-  
ber, if known.  
Value.

A person shall be deemed to be  
in possession or control of a motor  
vehicle if—

(a) possession or control is  
exercised on behalf of such per-  
son by any bailee, agent or ser-  
vant;

(b) such person is in actual  
or potential possession or con-  
trol.

Article 3 requires that such de-  
claration shall in the case of a per-  
son now in possession or control  
of a motor vehicle be made before  
the 31st January 1946, and in the  
case of any person coming into  
possession or control after the 10th  
day of January, 1946 within 72  
hours of such person coming into  
possession or control.

OWNERSHIP CLAIMS  
Article 4 requires that any per-  
son in the Colony who claims to be  
the owner of or to have any right  
to or interest in a motor vehicle  
and any authorised representatives  
of any absent claimant shall, be-  
fore the 14th February, 1946,  
make a return in writing to the  
competent authority furnishing the  
grounds upon which such claim is  
based, and the following particu-  
lars in addition to those required  
under Article 3.

Whether or not the appro-  
priate licence for 1941 or evi-  
dence in support of the claim is  
available.

The date on which the claim-  
ant was last in possession of the  
vehicle.

By whom, and in what cir-  
cumstances the vehicle was re-  
moved from the claimant.

Any information available as  
to the present whereabouts of the  
vehicle, if it is not in use by  
the Administration.

We understand that the Custo-  
dian of Property, who is the com-  
petent authority for this purpose  
for Hong Kong, Kowloon and the  
New Territories, will only deal  
with claims in respect of vehicles  
in the Colony after the termina-  
tion of Japanese occupation. All  
such claims should therefore be  
addressed to him.

1941 REQUISITIONS  
With regard to claims for cars  
taken over by Government in 1941,  
no authority has yet been received  
to deal with them but, if claim-  
ants so desire, they may also lodge  
their claims with the Custodian,  
who will in the interim file and  
investigate such claims.

No definite instructions have yet  
been received in respect of cars re-  
quisitioned in 1941 by the Mil-  
itary Authorities, but they will be  
made public as soon as they are  
received.

For all other purposes of the  
Proclamation the District Chief  
Civil Affairs Officer (Military) is  
the competent authority for Hong  
Kong, Kowloon and the New Ter-  
ritories.



## NOTICE

All members of the American Club are requested to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting on January 25th at 5.30 p.m. in the Club premises, 6th floor, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank building to receive the report from the Working Committee on rehabilitation of the Club.

(3d) W. T. STANTON,  
Chairman.  
F. R. P. DUCK,  
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General Administration Branch

## NOTICE

In connection with Proclamation No. 19 dealing with Motor Transport is used on 12th January 1946 the undermentioned information is published in order that persons concerned may be aware of the correct procedure.

The Competent Authority for the Colony is Colonel C. B. H. Delamain, B.F., M.C., Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer (Military).

Applications and correspondence concerning motor vehicles in Hong Kong should be addressed to S.O. 11 Land Transport, Room 105, Peninsula Hotel.

All claims to ownership of motor vehicles should be made to the Custodian of Enemy Property, Windsor House (4th Floor).

C. B. H. DELAMAIN,  
Colonel,  
D.G.C.A.O. (Military).  
19th January, 1946.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

## POLICE AND PRISONS BRANCH

## LIQUORS ORDINANCE, 1931.

In accordance with Section 15 of the above Ordinance, it is notified for information that the persons named below have applied for licences as stated:

## PUBLICANS' LICENCES

| Name & Address of Applicant                                                         | Proposed name or sign of the premises to be licensed |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Mr. Sviatoslav Nicholas Potouloff,<br>The Gloucester Hotel,<br>Gloucester Building. | The Gloucester Hotel,<br>Gloucester Building.        |
| The Hong Kong Brewery &<br>Distillery Ltd., Dina House,<br>5, Duddell Street.       | The Blue Peter,<br>K.I.L. 542, Nathan Road.          |
| Mr. Choi Cho Chiu,<br>54, 56 & 58, Lockhart Road.                                   | The New York Cafe,<br>54, 56 & 58, Lockhart Road.    |
| Mr. Tsai Tung Ting,<br>88, 90 & 92, Lockhart Road                                   | The London Cafe,<br>88, 90 & 92, Lockhart Road.      |
| The Hong Kong Brewery &<br>Distillery Ltd., Dina House,<br>5, Duddell Street.       | The Neptune,<br>37 & 39, Hennessy Road.              |
| Mr. W. A. Zimmer,<br>Room 214, Gloucester Bldg.                                     | The Black Dog Inn,<br>37-39, Hennessy Road.          |

## RESTAURANT ADJUNCT LICENCES

|                                                        |                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mr. Leo Landau,<br>Jimmy's Kitchen,<br>China Building. | Jimmy's Kitchen,<br>20, Harrow Road. |
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## HOTEL KEEPERS' ADJUNCT LICENCES

|                                            |                                                |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Chan Chuck Yin,<br>3, Canal Road, Wanchai. | The Luk Kwok Hotel,<br>67-77, Gloucester Road. |
| Tai Tung Pui,<br>7, Gap Road.              | The Shan Kwong Hotel,<br>1, Shan Kwong Road.   |

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## VOLUNTEER TO SWAP

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 24. Ohio State University has had probably the only case in American college football history of a head football coach and his assistant swapping jobs voluntarily. Paul O. Bixler, an assistant since 1941, has moved up to be head coach for the 1946 season and Carroll Widdoes, who was named American "coach of the year" when his team didn't lose a game in 1944, dropped down to the assistant coach's spot.

The Ohio State Athletic Board made public a letter from Widdoes in which he offered his resignation because "I have come to the conclusion that I was better satisfied as an assistant than I have been as head coach."—Associated Press.

## England Looking For Fast Bowlers

LONDON, JAN. 24. WHEN THE ENGLISH CRICKET SEASON BEGINS IN A FEW MONTHS TIME, GREAT INTEREST WILL CENTRE AROUND FAST BOWLERS. FOR ENGLAND IS SADLY LACKING IN THIS DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HOPE THAT A PLAYER OF TEST CALIBRE WILL EMERGE FROM THE COUNTRY PROGRAMME TO FILL VACANCY WHICH, AT PRESENT SEEMS UNLIKELY TO BE OCCUPIED IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AUTOMATIC CHOICE.

Australia's season is already under way, and although the Dominion started in the same predicament, it appears her troubles are over for a bowler has been "found" with pace which has been likened to that of Harold Larwood—England's greatest fast bowler between the wars.

He is New South Wales right-hander Ray Lindwall, who has been showing steady improvement until today he can make the ball fly in a really hostile manner. He is almost sure to be included in the Australian team to tour New Zealand next March.

In addition to cricket ability Lindwall is also an excellent rugby player, and is expected to be "captured" against the English rugby touring team next summer. Another pace bowler who has come to the fore is Charlie Puckett, of Western Australia, who although not having quite the pace of Lindwall can preserve his pace and accuracy for at least 15 overs. He, too, is an all-rounder, being one of Australia's leading baseball pitchers.

CONSTANTINE'S FUTURE. L. Constantine, the great West Indian cricketer, who became a Member of the British Empire in the New Year's Honours List, is still undecided whether he will play in big cricket in the 1946 season. At the same time, his heart is still in the game, and he hopes to turn out from time to time.

Constantine, who is now 43, is Welfare Officer at the Ministry of Labour at Liverpool, and until he is released cannot make his plans. He adds: "I am not finished with cricket yet, and would like to think I may be seen at Lord's again before I retire."

Last season Constantine, who is one of the finest all-rounders the game has ever produced, played for Border in the Central Lancashire League, and might continue to help them when he can. Constantine, whose big hitting has delighted many crowds, played in 18 peace-time Test matches for the West Indies—13 against England and 5 against Australia.—Reuter.

## No Strike At Newmarket

LONDON, JAN. 24. Newmarket stable lads, who have been seeking improvements in working conditions, will not strike. They are solidly behind their Union, and will negotiate through the recognised channels for an increase in wages and improvement in general conditions.

This statement was made by Mr. T. Hodgson, National Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, before he addressed a meeting of stablemen at Newmarket.

He added they intended to discuss the various grievances of stable-employees with trainers at a later date. Such a meeting would have taken place previously, if it had not been for the indisposition of Lord Derby, and Mr. L. Jarvis, Chairman of the Newmarket Trainers' Federation.

"One complaint of stablemen," said Mr. Hodgson, "is that when they take a horse to a race-meeting they do not always have the opportunity to see it run."

There will be no strike. The Union's relations with the employers of stable lads are very amicable, and negotiations will be carried on through the normal channels.—Reuter.

## Scots Draw

GLASGOW, JAN. 24. Forty-thousand spectators saw Belgium draw with Scotland 2-2 in the first international between Scotland and Belgium played at Hampden Park Stadium here, which was recently damaged by fire. Belgium led 2-1 until the last minutes of the game.

Pleased with their performance in restricting the strong England team to two goals, the Belgians altered only one position in today's match. The Scots, with an eye to sterner matches ahead against their British opponents, used largely an experimental team with men new to the international soccer side.

Scotland equalized soon after half-time. Later Belgium scored again and led up to the closing minutes when Scotland was awarded a penalty. No mistake was made with the kick and Scotland thus managed to bring the match to a draw at two all.—Reuter.

## Canton Went Ahead Too Fast

IN ANTICIPATION OF BEING RAISED TO THE STATUS OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPALITY, THE GOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY OF CANTON WAS EXPANDED TO A DEGREE BEYOND THE FINANCIAL CAPACITY OF THE CITY TO MAINTAIN.

Now that it has been definitely settled that Canton will remain an ordinary municipality, the merging of government services and a reduction in personnel have to be effected in order to make the budget balance.

The provincial authorities who have jurisdiction over the municipality have been considering the matter of reorganizing the city-government for some time. Although no definite decision has yet been reached, a responsible official of the municipal government said that after reshuffling, the city will probably have only five bureaus, four sections and four offices.

The Bureau of Education will merge with the Social Affairs Bureau, while the Public Utilities Bureau will be amalgamated with the Public Works Bureau. The rest of the bureaus will remain the same, viz. the bureau of finance, health and land administration.

The four sections will be those of foreign affairs, civil administration, documents and general business; while the four offices will comprise of the councilors' office, the personnel office, the accounting office and the secretary's office.

In point of population and location, Canton satisfies the qualifications for the status of special municipality, but its volume of trade and revenue does not come up to the required standard. The greatest disqualification is that Canton is the site of the provincial government and the Executive Yuan definitely rules that no provincial capital can be made a special municipality.—Our Own Correspondent.

## KING'S HORSES

LONDON, JAN. 24. The King's two-year-olds, Bolanna, Golden Coach and Terraotta, have been struck out of this year's St. Leger. This leaves the Dewhurst Stakes winner, Hypericum, as His Majesty's only representative in the race.—Reuter.

## Clansmen Get 12 Months For Perjury

Originally the complainants in a robbery case, two clansmen, Lo Leung and Lo Tang were charged before the General Military Court yesterday with having committed perjury in giving false evidence as sworn witnesses for the Crown.

Both defendants, who pleaded guilty, were sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

The Court comprised Mr. C. Y. Kwan (vice-President), Maj. H.D.S. Page and Pt./Lt. S. Grove. Mr. R. S. Smith, assisted by Capt. F. Gill, prosecuted.

Lo Leung was charged with wilfully making contradictory statements while being a lawfully sworn witness in the trial of Rex Y. Chan Kwong and others in the General Military Court.

The charge against Lo Tang was that he did make false statements known to them to be false in the General Military Court.

Mr. Smith called as Crown witnesses the notes taken by Mr. Y. Leo d'Almeida in the General Military Court. Witnesses were present who first accused stated on oath that he recognized the men. He was also present when accused stated that he did not recognize the men as it was very dark.

Mr. Edwards said that he was present when second accused admitted that the evidence he gave previously was false. This admission, said witness, was made after accused had been duly warned by the Court.

At the end of the prosecution's case both accused said they had nothing to say. They only wanted to say that they were sorry.

The Court then adjourned to consider the case and read over the evidence. On its return a unanimous verdict of guilty was returned against both accused.

COSTLY INQUIRIES. Mr. Smith asked the Court in considering sentence to take note that the accused had caused the Police to sit after rather costly inquiries which led to the apprehension of the eight accused men.

Those men, said Mr. Smith, were charged with armed robbery, demanding money with monies and unlawful possession of arms and ammunition. By the perjury of the accused he (Mr. Smith) was obliged to withdraw all the charges.

## CATHAY

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## "RIO RITA"

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Los Angeles, Jan. 24.  
Jimmy Davis, Cleveland Negro  
heavyweight contender, yesterday  
knocked out Johnny Haynes in the  
second round of a ten-round bout.  
—Associated Press.



# GRIM PICTURE OF SWATOW

## Spectre Of Famine And Disease

### Gouin New President Of France

Paris, Jan. 24. Socialist Felix Gouin was elected interim president of France on Wednesday night, succeeding General de Gaulle, who resigned. The 61-year-old lawyer, a deputy for more than 20 years, was President of the Constituent Assembly. He will serve as President of the provisional Fourth Republic Government until the Constituent Assembly finishes its work and an election can be held under a new constitution. The vote for Gouin was unofficially given as 497 out of 555. His election for a term which may last until next May, came after the Communists had refused to participate in an M.R.P. party move to obtain a three-party harmony pledge before voting. The M.R.P. retreated from its position at the last moment and balloted unanimously for Gouin, who also received solid Communist and Socialist support. There were no votes against him although some members abstained from voting. Associated Press.

### Story Of Christmas Night Gun Battle

FOUR ARMED MEN WHO WERE INTERCEPTED BY A POLICE PARTY ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT WHEN TWO WERE WOUNDED IN AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE WERE ARRAIGNED BEFORE THE STANDING MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY ON CHARGES OF CARRYING ARMS WITH INTENT TO COMMIT ROBBERY AND UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

The four men were Lau Fung, 22, Tsai Chung-fat, 19, Chung Nam, 21, and Tsai Hon-yin, and they were charged before a court consisting of Mr. Leo

### Macao Leave For Forces

Arrangements for naval ratings to visit Macao and spend a short leave there are now nearing completion. At present a few members of H.M.S. Nabatecher are able to go to Macao, as a boat from this ship is available once a week. She leaves Hongkong at 7.30 a.m. and Macao the same afternoon. A number of officers will be visiting Macao this week-end. As soon as accommodation has been fixed in Macao, ratings will be able to spend a few days leave there. Transport is by Navy vessel. It is understood that the Army are making arrangements on the same lines.

### INDIAN PRESIDENT

London, Jan. 24. Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, India's delegate to the U.N.O., was tonight unanimously elected President of the Economic and Social Council—a body which is widely regarded as the most important of the U.N.O. institutions. It is a 18-member council, which has been described as the constructive counterpart to the Security Council, its task being to create throughout the world economic conditions that will eliminate the causes of war. The Economic and Social Council, which will be the United Nations' guardian of human rights and fundamental liberties, held its first formal meeting in the main conference room of Church House, Westminster, tonight. Dr. Carlos Rios, Colombian delegate, was elected vice-president, after he had himself proposed. Sir Ramaswami for the chair.—Reuter.

### MANCHURIA DELAY

Chungking, Jan. 24. The Soviet withdrawal from Manchuria will be postponed for a few days after the scheduled date of Feb. 3, Mr. Liu Chih, Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, said today. He added that transport difficulties accounted for the delay, but as it was only for a few days they did not see the necessity for formal extension. The Chinese Cabinet spokesman, Dr. P. H. Chang, today included Changchun, Mukden, Harbin and Chinchow among the Manchurian cities "where Chinese jurisdiction or administration has been established"—Reuter.

### Result Of Jap. Spoliation

OVER 50 PER CENT. OF THE PEOPLE OF SWATOW AND THE CHAOCHOW DISTRICTS IN EASTERN KWANGTUNG ARE SUFFERING FROM ACUTE MALNUTRITION AND ARE FACED WITH THE SPECTRE OF FAMINE AND DISEASE UNLESS IMMEDIATE RELIEF IS FORTHCOMING IN THE WAY OF FOOD SUPPLIES. THIS INFORMATION IS REVEALED IN A REPORT FROM SWATOW WHICH STATES THAT HOPES ARE PINNED ON U.N.R.R.A. WHOSE OFFICIALS ARE BUSILY MAPPING OUT RELIEF MEASURES.

Swatow, once a thriving metropolis of 120,000 people, is now a shadow of its former self, in spite of gallant efforts to cover up the wounds suffered through six years of enemy spoliation. During the Japanese occupation, its population at one time dwindled to less than 40,000; but now, with the restoration of peace, people have been pouring back. The increase in population has intensified the food problem. Always dependent upon outside sources for the bulk of its

rice supply, even in pre-war years, the situation now is much worse. A second problem is unemployment. Most of the people who have returned are war refugees, and, unable to find work, many have had to sell clothes and belongings in order to buy food. Swatow and Chaochow rank among the worst sufferers of the war. With Japanese atrocities, slave labour, emigration, famine, disease and aerial bombing, the original population has, in the space of seven years, dwindled to about 900,000; and these are now threatened with famine and disease unless relief is forthcoming. One of the worst crimes the Japanese committed was the destruction of the fishing fleet which boasted over a thousand vessels before the Japanese invasion. Now it is barely 200. Early replacement of this fleet will help considerably towards rehabilitation of the general economy of Swatow and Chaochow.

### IN CHUNGKING HANDS

Chungking, Jan. 24. A Cabinet spokesman, Mr. P. H. Chang yesterday said the points in Manchuria where the Nationalist forces were stationed included Wuchung, Suichung, Shingcheng, Linshan, Hulutao, Chinghsien, Kowantze, Peichen, Tatianshan, Ewsien, Hsinlituan, Chinghsien and Hehsian.

Nationalist troops, he said, had been stationed at Yingkov and Panhsan before those places were seized by the Communists on Jan. 14. Chang said points in Jehol where the Nationalist forces were stationed included Linshun, Chienping, Hsuehchuan, Pinghsan, Poipiao, Chao-yang, Yehoshachien and Fuh-sien.—Associated Press.

### TRAITOR ON TRIAL

Budapest, Jan. 24. The Hungarian traitor, Szalasi, Fuehrer of Hungary during the short-lived reign of terror preceding the fall of the capital to the Red Army, was formally accused of treason and war crimes against the people on Wednesday. Thirty-two witnesses were called for his trial which was expected to be set early next month. Among them were Edmund Veesenmeyer, Hitler's personal envoy during the reign of terror, and Wehrmacht General Otto Winkelmann, who led the defense of Budapest.—Associated Press.

### GOLD HIGHER

Tokyo, Jan. 24. Allied Headquarters has authorized the Japanese Government to raise the price of gold and silver in response to the plea that cost of production "has risen remarkably." The price of gold went up from 5.85 yen to 17 yen per gram and silver from 46.80 to 310 yen a kilogram. Japanese gold production is expected to reach 10,000 kilograms annually by 1948.—Associated Press.

### DUTCH ARMY

London, Jan. 24. When the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, was questioned about Indonesia in the House of Commons today, Mr. Gallacher (Communist) asked if it was not the case that the Dutch army could not be sent abroad and that the Dutch Government could get very few soldiers. Mr. Bevin replied that the Dutch army was much greater than could be landed just at the moment.—Reuter.

### JAP RESIGNATIONS

Tokyo, Jan. 24. All parliamentary vice-ministers (deputies to Cabinet ministers) and privy councillors tonight tendered their resignations to Baron Shidehara, the Japanese Prime Minister, "so as to enable the administration to be fair and impartial in the forthcoming general election." The resignations will be formally accepted at the regular meeting of the Cabinet on Friday.—Reuter.

### SHIP MOVEMENTS

H.M.S. Dullish Cove leaves for the United Kingdom tomorrow with a large number of naval ratings for demobilisation. H.M.S. Guardian leaves for the United Kingdom on Monday morning.

### BURNS' NIGHT

A Burns' night celebration will be held at 8 p.m. this evening in St. John's Cathedral Hall, Garden Road, where there will also be a programme of Scottish songs, dances, bagpipes, etc. All interested are invited.

### P.W. Records Destroyed

Yokohama, Jan. 24. Records and correspondence of the Muroan Prisoner-of-War Camp were destroyed on orders of headquarters. Kanehi Hirato testified at his trial on charges of responsibility for the deaths of four Allied prisoners. Hirato denied under cross-examination that he punished a Britisher named Cyro Allen in whose diary he found news reports including the bombing of Tokyo, Yokohama and of American submarines lurking off the Japanese coast.

Depending on what information was in the diary I intended to get permission of the main camp to punish the prisoners' defendant said. He declared that he bought food and meat to "the best of my ability with money from the North Army Headquarters," denying that prisoners at the vegetable boxes from the camp garden and guards ate the vegetables.—Associated Press.

### A.P. POLICY BACKED

Chicago, Jan. 24. Col. Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher of the "Chicago Tribune," endorsed in strong terms today the Associated Press' recent termination of its news service to the State Department for dissemination abroad, which he described as "State Department propaganda." McCormick asserted: "In my opinion the Associated Press would do itself and the principle of a free press infinite harm and would seriously delay a free world if it became any part of the power politics of the State Department and lent its prestige and high reputation for integrity to conceal the great evils inflicted upon helpless and innocent people."—Associated Press.

### France To Give Up African Mandates

London, Jan. 24. France stated clearly yesterday her final decision to place Togoland and the Cameroons, which she held by League of Nations mandate since World War No. 1, under U.N.O. trusteeship.

The French delegate, Henri Pontot, was cheered as he declared that France would respect the letter and the spirit of the San Francisco Charter, and that she proposed to put the former German colonies in Africa under the United Nations system just as soon as trusteeship agreements are reached with them. Pontot said "the present political circumstances" in France precluded his making any further statement.

Before the Trusteeship Committee was a United States proposal that the group should declare "with regret" that it was not able to establish the Trusteeship Council during the first part of the present session because trusteeship agreements must first be reached. The proposal suggested that steps be taken to create the Trusteeship Council not later than the second part of the current session, which is to convene in the United States later this year.—Associated Press.

### Communist Rebuttal

Chungking, Jan. 24. The "New China Daily News," official mouthpiece of the Chinese Communist Party in Chungking, yesterday rebutted charges by several Nationalist newspapers that the Communists were obstructing the work of the Political Consultative Conference.

"As they understand it," the paper said, "the aim of the Conference is to make the various factions recognise the present one-party rule under the cloak of democracy."

The success or failure of the Conference, "the 'New China Daily News' declared, hinged on whether the Kuomintang would give up 'its narrow interest in preserving its one-party dictatorship.' The paper also complained that Chiang Kai-shek was not really honouring his pledge to release political prisoners. So far only two have been released, Liao Sheng-chi, member of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and his son. Minister of Information K.

### Communist Bld Falls

London, Jan. 24. The National Executive of the Labour Party in London today decided to recommend at the annual conference of the Party at Whitman not to accept affiliation of the Communist Party. The Executive considered a letter from Mr. Harry Pollitt, asking that application for affiliation should be brought before the annual conference and stating that the Communist Party is prepared to accept all obligations under the constitution rules and standing orders of the Labour Party.—Reuter.

### Sino-French Incident Settled

Chungking, Jan. 24. The dispute between China and French officials over the arrest of an alleged Nazi collaborator by the French in Shanghai apparently has been amicably settled. In announcing yesterday that the French were closing their consular courts in China, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Liu Chieh said the action ended the Paul Tsooli affair. The implication was that there would be no repetition of the incident. Tsooli was arrested in Shanghai and taken aboard a French cruiser for trial in Saigon. The French justified the action on the contention that the legitimate French Government never had signed a waiver of extraterritorial rights.—Associated Press.

### SINO-SIAMESE TREATY

Bangkok, Jan. 24. The Sino-Siamese Treaty was signed in Bangkok today by the Siamese Premier and Foreign Minister and Mr. Li Tcheng, Chinese representative. The treaty provides for the establishment of diplomatic relations, and contains clauses giving nationals of each country resident in the other the right to establish schools and carry on any kind of trade or commerce.—Reuter.

Los Angeles, Jan. 24. Bobby Riggs yesterday successfully defended his world professional tennis title beating Don Budge.—Associated Press.

### R.A.F. Welcome For W.A.A.F. Contingent

THE LADY PARK RECREATIONAL CLUB IS TO HOLD A BIG WELCOMING DANCE ON SATURDAY, FEB. 2, FOR THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF SOME 50 MEMBERS OF THE W.A.A.F. DUE HERE ON SATURDAY. THE WA.A.F.s ARE COMING HERE BY AIR AND, WITH THEIR LUGGAGE, WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST THREE DAKOTAS FOR THE JOURNEY FROM CEYLON.

Some 150 W.A.A.F.s are expected here in all. They will be accommodated at the St. Paul's College Hostel and will replace regular R.A.F. personnel in clerical, equipment assistance and signals work. They are all from Bombay and Ceylon and have spent about a year out of the United Kingdom. All are volunteers for extra service beyond their release groups.

An advance party of two officers and three other ranks are here already and headquarters has been established in an office on the third floor of Air House, formerly the Helena May Institute.

In the contingent expected on Saturday there will be five more officers and 50 other ranks. The W.A.A.F.s are coming fully equipped even for recreation and are keen on sport, particularly hockey and tennis.

Even "CRICKET." "We will even play cricket," Squadron-Officer Mary Kerr told the "China Mail." The W.A.A.F.s are weighing the possibility of playing the Wrens at hockey and are wondering what other ladies' teams may be found to play them. Should there be a lack of feminine opposition, the W.A.A.F.s are still going to play. All their hockey equipment is already here. In Bombay and Ceylon their principal opposition was from H.M. Ships' crews and they did not always lose.

Sq.-Off. Kerr, who is from Woking, Surrey, has been seven years in the W.A.A.F. She has played right-back on the Bedford College (London University) Hockey XI. Flying-Officer Nan Hume, who is from Edinburgh, has played for Edinburgh Ladies.

He refused to comment on a local newspaper report to the effect that the Government had agreed to release General Yeh T'ing, long imprisoned Communist leader of the Communist new 4th Army if the Communists agreed to liberate General Ma Feh-wu, Nationalist Commander, who was taken prisoner in southern Hanoi a few months ago.—Associated Press.

### FRANCE DRIFTS IN POLITICAL FOG

(By Dewitt Mackenzie)

PARIS, JAN. 24. THIS ISN'T LA BELLE FRANCE WE KNEW BEFORE THE WAR, BUT A VERY ILL FRANCE WHICH HAS REACHED THE OXYGEN-TENT STAGE OF ITS CRISIS AND IS IN THAT PRECARIOUS STATE WHICH NO MAN CAN SAY WON'T GET A LOT WORSE BEFORE THERE'S A TURN FOR THE BETTER. THAT ISN'T MEANT TO BE A PESSIMISTIC ESTIMATE. IT IS, HOWEVER, CALCULATED TO EMPHASISE THE TRUTH THAT FRANCE HAS BEEN BADLY HURT, BOTH MATERIALLY AND IN SPIRIT.

This column would be rendering poor service if it tried to evade the seriousness of the position.

The public is looking for the physician who can heal France—but it is another way, for the greater leader who can rescue the country from the political fog in which it is drifting and restore it to former greatness.

The trouble now is that France must get through the oxygen-tent of her crisis before the real extent of leadership can be apparent. The job of the assembly is to frame a new constitution. In June there will be another general election, with a referendum on the constitution.

Then General de Gaulle will know whether he is to be returned to leadership. A GREAT CHANGE. General de Gaulle's leadership, before he resigned, was described as somewhat left of centre. In other words the Socialist programme which he announced was moderate. He contemplated some nationalisation, such as of banks and the basic public services. He proposed to proceed carefully in order not to kill the real wealth of the country, but on the other hand to give an opportunity for readjustment later, if necessary. However, elevation of a Socialist (Felix Gouin) to de Gaulle's position was a great change. Political observers say that the Communists are aiming at control and hope that they can make a deal with the extreme left Socialists whereby the two parties can win the next election.—Associated Press.

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### Putting U.S. Over

Washington, Jan. 24. The United States post-war international information programme for the fiscal year 1946-1947 which is now pending in Congress proposes the appropriation of \$1,000,000 for operations in the Far East, south-east Asia and Indonesia. It was learned from quarters interested in the project.

The programme proposes to establish a staff of Americans under the direction of the State Department charged with responsibility of disseminating factual information concerning virtually all aspects of American life and endeavours. The programme's major attention would be in China where a majority of the proposed Far East staff would be maintained and an estimated \$600,000 overall budget allocated.

While various elements in Congress indicated a planned and critical study of the programme, its proponents indicated the belief that the measure will receive legislative approval. Meanwhile, an interim programme along similar lines will be carried out on a reduced scale in the Orient.—Associated Press.

### ARCHBISHOP RAIDED

Belgrade, Jan. 24. An unofficial report from Belgrade said that Yugoslav State police had raided the residence of the Roman Catholic Archbishop, Dr. Alojzije Stepinac, who, with other Catholic leaders, has been attacked in the press for alleged collaboration with occupation and Ustashi forces during the war. The report said the police seized records and documents of the church as well as several large boxes containing confidential archives of the Foreign Ministry of Foreign Affairs which were placed there after the collapse of the puppet Croatian government.—Associated Press.

### ANOTHER FOR SUGAMO

Tokyo, Jan. 24. Major-General Kikutaro Aotsu, former Commander of the Japanese 41st Division will be arrested and confined at Sugamo Prison upon his arrival to Japan from Weiwak, a counter-intelligence officer revealed today. He is the eleven Japanese general to be named as a war criminal suspect in the last week. Headquarters also ordered the government to apprehend Lt. Colonel Shiro Suzuki, a cavalry staff officer of the 18th Imperial Army on New Guinea as a suspect.—Associated Press.

### RADIO

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1946. FROM THE STUDIO—ALLAN WYLD (BARBROUNCE) COMPAINED BY B. OWEN, GEORGE WATTS, PIANO. ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 1.30 p.m. to 1.50 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.52 Megacycles.

H.K.T. 1.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary. 1.35 p.m.—The Bohemian Orchestra. 1.45 p.m.—Romance and Rhythm—ENBA. 1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements. 1.10 p.m.—Light Orchestral Interlude. 1.20 p.m.—Tunes of Not-so-long-ago. 2.00 p.m.—Glee Down. 6.30 p.m.—Tchaikovsky—"Swan Lake" Ballet Music. 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News. 7.15 p.m.—Orchestra Raymond. 7.30 p.m.—Studio—Allan Wyld (Barbrounce) accompanied by E. O'Neill Show at the Piano. 8.00 p.m.—"Forces Request Hour". 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News. 9.05 p.m.—"Music Time"—ENBA. 9.55 p.m.—Aston & the Paramount Theatre Orchestra. 10.00 p.m.—A Short Song Recital by Hildegarde (Tenor) and Dennis Noble (Baritone). 10.15 p.m.—Patricia Hamborough at the Piano. 10.30 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert & Sullivan Operas. 11.00 p.m.—Close Down. ENBA are recording specially for Service Entertainment by the Department of National Service Entertainment.

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